

**Manhattan Beach Incident**  
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**Current Situation:**

At 1441 PDT, SEC LA/LB received notification from LA County Lifeguards that oil and tar were washing up onto Manhattan Beach. Manhattan Beach is approximately 77NM SW of the Refugio incident. SEC LA/LB notified the IMD Duty Team and diverted an AIRSTA LA helicopter from a training flight to overfly the affected area. Overflight confirmed areas of oiled shoreline, no observable product or sheen offshore at the time/locations of the overflight, nor sheening within the El Segundo anchorage. SEC LA/LB opened the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) for a total of \$20K (revised ceiling at \$300K) and hired Ocean Blue to conduct shoreline clean-up operations. Sector LA/LB requested NSF support to assist with sensitive site strategy implementation, as well as shoreline clean-up/assessment, and contractor monitoring.

A multi-agency incident command post was established at the lifeguard station in Manhattan Beach. Sector LA/LB, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response, LA County Lifeguards, LA Fire Department, LA Public Health Department, Department of Beaches and Harbors, and LA County Emergency Management remain on-scene coordinating efforts.

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Beach closures extend approximately 6.5 miles from the El Segundo Jetty to the border of Torrance-Redondo Beach. Two sensitive sites are involved. Chevron implemented sensitive site protection strategies on the northern sensitive site and LA Fire Department conducted same on the southern sensitive site. The mouth of Ballona Creek and entrance to King Harbor was boomed off by Clean Harbors.

68 contractor personnel conducted shoreline clean-up throughout the night. Quantity of oil collected pends. Crews describe collected tar balls/tar patties as weathered and also suggested no additional shoring of product.

SEC LA/LB IMD and Chevron El Segundo sampled product on the shoreline as well as product discovered offshore. Chevron samples did not show a match with their database of oils and local-area natural seep.

Overflight will occur at 0900 with 2 trained aerial observers from Sector LA/LB on-board. The flight will survey areas 15-miles south of Manhattan Beach, north to Goleta, and offshore. Sector LA/LB will conduct a surface assessment on-board a Coast Guard small boat of areas offshore to include sampling of encountered oil and sampling of offshore vessels.

There is a high media interest.

Trajectory/hind-cast simulations pend.